

Tentative Agenda

SJR 22 Health Care & Health Insurance Subcommittee

August 30, 2001

9:00 A.M., Room 102, State Capitol, Helena, MT

Agenda times are approximate, some items may take more or less time than is indicated.

- 9:00 a.m. 1. Call to order, Roll Call, Explanation of meeting approach
 - **Rep. Joe McKenney**
- 9:15 a.m. 2. Overview of State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and
 Medicaid, including the BlueCHIP program
 - **Mary Dalton, DPHHS**
 - **Blue Cross-Blue Shield Representatives**
- 9:50 a.m. 3. Perspective of the Office of the State Auditor and Insurance
 Commissioner
 - **Commissioner John Morrison**

The remainder of the agenda items represent the various topics identified in SJR 22: Public comment on items of particular interest is encouraged.

- 10:00 a.m. 4. Health Insurance: Consumers, Carriers, and Costs
- a. Strategies to decrease the number of uninsured Montanans.
 - b. Purchasing pools for individual and small group insurance.
 - c. Factors causing health insurance rates to increase above the rate of inflation.
 - d. What do consumers, (i.e., individuals, small groups, large groups, self-insureds, state and local governments, etc.) expect from the study approach?
5. Health Care: Hospitals and Providers
- a. What does health care cost?
 - b. Provider reimbursement rates.
 - c. Cost shifting of health care costs.
 - d. Hospital and provider expectations.
- 12:00 p.m. 6. LUNCH

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- 1:30 p.m. (Continuation of the morning session topics if necessary)

7. Prescription drugs
 - a. Access to affordable prescriptions
 - b. What is happening at the Federal/Congressional level?
 - c. What is happening in other states?

8. Miscellaneous
 - a. The feasibility of recreating the Health Care Advisory Council
 - b. Other pertinent issues

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| 3:30 p.m. | 9. Member issues |
| 4:00 p.m. | 10. Discussion and adoption of tentative interim calendar |
| 4:15 p.m. | 11. Instructions to Staff |
| 4:30 p.m. | 12. Adjourn |